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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN SALE OF 40 MM AMMUNITION TO UK

REF: STATE 81767

1. THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS NOW REPLIED OFFICIALLY TO OUR REQUEST OF 9 JULY THAT WE RECEIVE IN WRITING FROM HMG THE STANDARD THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT.

2. IN ITS COVERING LETTER THE FCO STATES THAT THEY HAVE "SLIGHTLY AMENDED THE FORMAT TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH THE STANDARD FCO LANGUAGE" AND THEY HOPE THAT "THIS WILL NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTIES". IN VIEW OF THIS WE QUOTE FULLY THE LANGUAGE OF THE ASSURANCES PROVIDED TO US:

"HM PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF 1,600 ROUNDS OF 40 MM AMMUNITION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA.

"IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA MAY PROCEED WITH THE SALE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATION

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM HMG THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENCE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"ACCORDINGLY, ASSURANCE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE AMMUNITION WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

"FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

"JULY 28, 1975"

3. ORIGINAL NOTE WITH COVERING LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

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